

FALL 2001

TOWN OF COLUMBINE VALLEY



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

During the past year, your Board of Trustees along with a number of community residents, has worked hard to enhance our Town. The major project of realigning Fairway Lane and Christiansen Lane at Platte Canyon with the signalization of the new intersection is now complete. We have received many positive comments regarding the project and we trust you are pleased with the results. The real "sparkplug" bringing this project to completion was Trustee Ernie Hambrook and I thank him for his steady commitment.

Following the highway project, we began working on "rebuilding" the entryway on Fairway and it is now complete except for a few final touches on landscaping. This project has been a component of Drainage Way E and was accomplished with the cooperation of many contractors and residents. Another project is burying the utility lines on the west side of Middlefield Road which Xcel says will be completed in the near future.

Internal to our community, development continues on both the Brookhaven and Country Club Villas projects. As of this writing Brookhaven has been issued eight single family house permits and Country Club Villas has been issued three permits. The town home project in Brookhaven will begin completion of the infrastructure in the near future. Requests for permits in this area are anticipated in the spring of 2002.

The fall also brings the annual budgeting process for the Town's 2002 budget. The Trustees are working diligently to structure both the operating and capital budgets for the community in accordance with State mandates for assessment and mill levies.

July 1, 2001 our Public Works Trustee, Dick Dickerson, resigned from the Town Board with the sale of his residence in the Town. He continued as the Town Representative and Manager of the Fairway Entrance Project until its recent completion. Dick worked very hard improving the Town as Building Commissioner and more recently at Public Works Trustee and his counsel will be greatly missed by the Board.

We now welcome our new Public Works Trustee, Peter Grimm, who began learning the ropes in July. He has a long history in construction in the public works arena and will be a great asset to the Board. We are fortunate to have his expertise.

As always the Trustees welcome any comments on areas of concern or assistance for the Town. Please contact any one of the Trustees or the staff with questions or concerns.

Jim McShane, Mayor

NOTES FROM DICK DICKERSON

Serving on the Town Board for seven and half years, has been a very rewarding experience. The Town Board members and administrators are a group of the most giving people I know. I am not sure the people of Columbine Valley realize how much they do for the Town of Columbine Valley. Just a few achievements that have been accomplished while I served on the Board are projects like building a brick wall around the Town, new signs in the Town, taking the remaining homes out of the flood plain by completing Drainage Way E., building a new entrance at Fairway Lane, signalization of the intersection of Platte Canyon and Fairway Lane, annexing the Polo Reserve into our Town, building and maintaining Hunter Run Lane and finalizing plans for the two developments on the North side of Town.

I hope in the future, more people will get involved in the operations of Columbine Valley and help the Town continue being one of the greatest places to live in Colorado.

NOTES FROM PUBLIC WORKS

Snow Plowing: We ask that you keep vehicles off the streets when we are plowing as they narrow the roadway available to plow. The areas in which the streets are plowed is rotated every snow storm lest the same streets get plowed first every storm. Remember we always plow the main arterial streets first and then return to do the side streets and cul-de-sacs. We make every effort to plow the roads prior to morning traffic.

Materials in the street: Noting that many of us are remodeling, I remind you to get permission from the Town Office if you need to put materials (dumpster, rocks, sand, porta-potties, etc.) in the street. Normally, materials can remain on the street for 24 hours. It is very important to contact the Town Office regarding this situation, especially during the time we are working on the streets or re-asphalting. Any materials in the street must have cones or barricades around it.

Pete Grimm, Public Works

PUBLIC SAFETY

In light of recent events, we all need to be aware of what is happening around us, inside the Town as well as outside. If you observe anything which does not seem normal, contact law enforcement IMMEDIATELY by calling (303) 795-4711. We would rather respond to a call that requires no action than to respond too late or not at all. Law Enforcement needs everybody's help to combat terrorism.

2001 Statistics: As of October, your police department has issued 291 summons, made 74 arrests, driven 29,129 miles, purchased 2,390 gallons of fuel and assisted nearby departments 162 times.

Overnight Parking: Please remember parking on the street is prohibited from 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Vehicles found on the streets during this time will be ticketed. Please inform all of your guests so they do not get a parking ticket.

911 Response: When calling 911, remember to unlock your door so that police and fire department personnel can get in the house.

Gopeds: Remember that Gopeds, ELECTRIC OR GAS POWERED, are NOT allowed in the Town.

Greg Bowman, Chief of Police

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Are you thinking about remodeling or an addition? Do you need a permit? Is there a tax liability if you make home improvements?

Generally a permit is NOT required when you repaint, re-carpet, replace concrete, replace vinyl flooring, or install hardwood floors. For the most part, all other installation or replacements DO require a permit. The cost of a permit is determined by the value of the improvements. The permit also contains a sales tax deposit on the materials.

We will be glad to help you through the permitting process, licensing, insurance and inspections so that all applicable building codes are met.

Dave Gambetta, Building Commissioner

OLYMPIC TORCH

The Olympic Torch will be carried along Bowles Avenue from Littleton to Columbine High School on January 31, 2002 about 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. The torch will be at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs the night of January 31, 2002. More details will follow in early January 2002.

2002 DIRECTORY UPDATE

We are currently putting the 2002 directory together for publication at the end of the year. In order to make any corrections, we request you fill out the following form and return it to the Town Office no later than December 10, 2001. Please know that your phone numbers and addresses are not given out to anyone except other residents.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Spouses Name: _____

Thank you for your help.

The Town Office

LUMINARIES

Each Christmas Columbine Valley residents, turn our community into a bit of the old Southwest. The magic lights of Christmas are reflected by curbside luminaries on Christmas Eve. Their purpose was to guide people to and from church on Christmas Eve, before there were street lights. Columbine Valley's Garden Club will again have kits containing the candles, bags and sand, which may be purchased Saturday December 15th for \$5.00 from 11:00 to 3:00 pm at the corner of Fairway and Club Lanes. Please bring a container for your sand. We thank Gene Hayes and her committee for their effort in this annual event.

TIPS FROM BFI TRASH

- Bag all trash and place in blue tote
- Each address is allowed one bundle of construction material per week
- Cut branches into 4 foot lengths and tie in 18 inch diameter bundles/6 per week
- Empty liquids prior to placing in trash
- Large item pick up: call customer service (303) 287-8043, at least 24 hours prior to pick up day to arrange for a special pick up. Any charges are the homeowner's responsibility.
- Hazardous waste/medical waste:
 - Old needles/razor blades, etc. should be placed in a hard plastic container (detergent bottle) with lid prior to placing in trash
 - Broken glass or mirrors should be wrapped in newspaper and labeled.
 - Oil, gas, paint, insecticide, fertilizer, vehicle batteries, fire extinguishers, propane tanks are UNACCEPTABLE
- Holidays:

New Year's Day	Fourth of July	Thanksgiving
Memorial Day	Labor Day	Christmas

FALL CLEANUP

Time to clean the basement and the garage! In cooperation with BFI, the Town has designated the weekend of November 17 & 18, 2001 for fall clean up. A dumpster will be placed between 11 & 13 Club Lane and another one in the tennis court parking lot at Burning Tree. BFI will bring dumpsters Friday afternoon (11/16) and pick them up early Monday morning (11/19). You may dispose of most items including yard waste, but please, **NO** hazardous materials such as paint, car batteries, kerosene, tires, cleaning solvents or motor oil. Also, no electronics, refrigerators or other major appliances.

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Bird Sightings:

Judging from the proliferation of bird feeders and bird-houses seen in Town yards, we must have quite a number of bird watchers (birders) in our midst. Bird species frequenting our area are quite numerous.

In abundance are Canadian geese, Mallard ducks, starlings, grackles, common blackbirds, robins, house sparrow, magpies, red shafted flickers, and morning doves. Less common are red winged blackbirds, house finches, wrens, and black capped chickadees. Still less common are downy woodpeckers, blue jays, and white breasted nuthatches. A rare sighting recently was a tree full of yellow headed blackbirds and a flock of white faced ibis. Occasional visitors are western tanagers, Bullock's orioles, cedar waxwings, yellow rumped warblers, black headed grosbeaks and red tailed hawks. Perched in the top of a large dead tree in the South Suburban Park area, two bald eagles can frequently be seen from the town.

If bird watching is one of your hobbies and you would like to tell your fellow "birders" what, where, and when you have seen a notable bird, call Norm Kautsky (303) 794-3348 and he will see that the word gets around. With sufficient input, the Town newsletter will publish a summary of the summer sightings.

Norm Kautsky, resident

Town Council: The Town Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Littleton Courthouse, 2069 W. Littleton Blvd., at 6:30 pm and all residents of the Town are welcome to attend.

Board of Trustees:

Mayor	Jim McShane
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Building Commissioner	Dave Gambetta
Planning, Zoning	George Lind
Public Safety	Ernie Hambrook
Public Works	Pete Grimm
Special Affairs	Darla Wolcott
Treasurer	Jeff Tempas

NOTARY PUBLIC

Remember Ann and Dana are notaries and are available in the Town office from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

WINTER 2001

TOWN OF COLUMBINE VALLEY



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

The New Year brings with it a number of new and continuing projects for the Town of Columbine Valley that are detailed in reports from Commissioners in this newsletter. The major projects include the continuation of the re-alignment of Fairway Lane with Christensen Lane followed by the signalization of the newly created intersection. Concurrently the Town is proceeding to rebuild the entry of Fairway Lane in concert with the realignment project. I would anticipate some inconvenience of traffic during the project. We will do our best to minimize the negative impacts. Brookhaven has completed the infrastructure to Phase I of their development and we expect home construction in this area this spring. Work continues on the Country Club Villas development west of Middlefield Road. Construction continues on the infrastructure with construction of the homes to begin this summer.

The Town anticipates continuation of street re-paving this summer in accordance with our multi-year plan.

One change this year is that the Town will be holding meetings for the Board of Trustees and the Planning and Zoning Commission in the newly renovated City of Littleton Courthouse on Littleton Blvd. The reason for moving to this location was based upon the Town's need to better utilize existing space in the Town Office for services to the community and provide enhanced space for visitors to these meetings.

Again, I welcome residents to attend the Town meetings. As always, feel free to contact any one of your Board members or the staff regarding questions or issues you may have. As a courtesy, please remember the Trustees are hard working volunteers elected to serve the community and as such, please deliver your complaints in a friendly manner, recognizing their contributions for your benefit.

FLOODPLAIN REVISIONS

Drainage Way E: As a result of the bonds issued in 1998, the Drainage Way E channel has been constructed and accepted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. On February 13, 2001 the Town received notification from the Federal Emergency Management Agency approving our request for a Letter of Map Revision removing Town residences from the Drainage Way E floodplain as of February 9, 2001. Call the Town Office for more information.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

2001 A "Space Odyssey"

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We will help you through your own "Odyssey" with advice on permitting, licensing, insurance and inspections so that all applicable building codes are met.

Dave Gambetta, Building Commissioner

NOTES FROM PUBLIC WORKS

2000 was a very productive year. Brannan Sand and Gravel has been awarded the contract for construction of the traffic light at the intersection at Fairway and Platte Canyon. Construction should begin in March with completion scheduled for the summer. In conjunction with this, rebuilding the Fairway entrance will go out for bid in March for construction this spring/summer. I want to thank the citizens of the Town for their understanding regarding the delay in completion of the Fairway entrance.

The drainage system under Middlefield road near Village Drive has been revised to solve the water backup on Middlefield during heavy rainstorms.

In 2001, the Board will be looking at the feasibility/advisability of building a Town Hall on the property dedicated to the Town by Brookhaven.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

A reminder that Go-Peds, either gas or electric powered, are **not permitted** on Town streets. If you are stopped by a Columbine Valley Police Officer, you may be issued a summons to appear in court.

Remember, there is **no parking** on the streets between 3:00 and 6:00 am. Vehicles found on the streets during this time **will be ticketed**. Please let your guests know so they don't get a parking ticket. You may request a special circumstances permit to park on the street for a limited time. Call the office at (303) 795-1434 for more information.

The Police Department requests you keep your garage door closed. Thefts occur when the garage doors are open and no one is in sight. The Officers will be glad to provide you with helpful tips on keeping your home secure.

Greg Bowman, Chief of Police

PLANNING AND ZONING

The Planning and Zoning Commission had a very busy 2000. All you have to do is look around our Town and you will see the fruits of our work. The commission led by George Diachok, tackled many issues during the year. Most notable of these was the approval of Brookhaven Phases I and II on the north end of town. This new area will be a mixture of new two story custom homes and "empty nester" homes that will border the Villas and the golf course. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of this year.

A small eight-unit development called Country Club Villas will begin construction during the same time frame just west of Middlefield. These will be "southwestern" style patio homes. The Commission and Town Board anticipate these new homes will be an exceptional addition to the community.

We spent much of our time reviewing our regulations and have streamlined most processes. Additionally, we strengthened the regulations to provide additional protection of our community and lessen our liability. Many thanks to all our members, homeowner association members, staff professionals, and Town Administrator, Ann Jennings.

Remember the Planning and Zoning commission meetings are held the second Tuesday of nearly every month at 7:00 pm at the Littleton Courthouse.

George Lind, Planning and Zoning

NUMBERS FROM THE TREASURER

2001 BUDGET: The proposed budget for 2001 has been completed; highlights and a brief explanation follow:

General Fund Activity			
Revenues			<u>\$ 719,000</u>
Expenditures			
Operating	\$ 555,805		
To Reserve	163,195		<u>\$ 719,000</u>
Reserve Activity			
Additions			
2001 Budget (above)	\$ 163,195		
Conservation Trust Fund	5,000		<u>\$ 168,195</u>
Expenditures			
Capital Items	117,500		
Major Public Works	90,000		
Conservation Trust Fund	5,000		<u>212,500</u>
Net Reductions in Reserves			(44,305)
Reserves at 01/01/01			217,770
Reserves at 12/31/01			<u>\$ 173,145</u>

The Town has a General Fund and a Conservation Trust Fund. The General Fund receives all revenues and pays all Town operating expenses. Revenues in excess of expenditures are placed in a reserve for capital expenditures including public works (paving). The Conservation Trust Fund is funded from the collection of Colorado Lottery receipts in which the Town shares. These funds are used for the Town's dedicated parks.

Revenues are derived from the following sources; sales tax and permit fees vary significantly based upon new home construction.

Property Taxes	\$165,014	
Sales & Use Tax	274,080	
Permits & fees	93,386	
Court Imposed Fines	63,000	
Federal & Local Rev Sharing	62,320	
Other	61,200	<u>\$719,000</u>

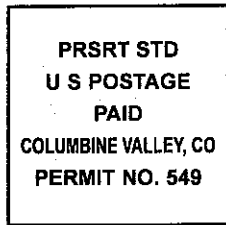
The Town is expecting to expend \$555,805 on operating expenses in 2001 and transfer the remainder of \$163,195 to its reserve fund for capital expenditures. Expenditures fall in the following categories:

Public Safety	\$204,350	
Sanitation	46,800	
Administration	218,955	
Planning & Zoning	11,700	
Ongoing Public Works	74,000	<u>\$555,805</u>

Major public works for 2001 includes repaving Arabian Place (\$65,000) and a contribution to the Fairway Lane/Platte Canyon light project (\$25,000). Other capital expenditures include a new patrol car, miscellaneous street repairs and new equipment for the Town Office.

Jeff Tempas, Treasurer

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Southeast Corridor Update:

- Adding one through lane in each direction in I-25 from Logan St. to I-225.
- Adding two through lanes in each direction on I-25 from I-225 to C-470/E-470 interchange.
- Adding one through lane in each direction on I-25 from Parker Road to the entrance of the rebuilt I-25 interchange.
- Adding 19 miles of double-track light rail, with 13 transit stations, which will connect the system from the existing Broad way Blvd. station to Lincoln Ave.
- Replacing 13 bridges, and widening nine others.
- Reconstruction the "Narrows" from Broadway Blvd. to Steele St.
- Reconstructing eight interchanges including I-25/I-225.

AT&T Broadband: As a courtesy, AT&T Broadband is offering free all-day previews of STARZ! to all subscribers with the Town of Columbine Valley. The previews will be shown on channel 15 from March 9, 2001 until March 11, 2001. These previews will be shown without charge on both analog and digital services and may contain movies rated R or NC-17. Subscribers may have the channel blocked without charge by calling (303) 930-2000.

Directory Update

Additions

- GIBSON, Todd and Joni Dunlop
 6 Columbine Ln. (303) 919-5298
- HULCE, Steve and Sharon
 10 Cypress Pt. (303) 933-1986

Changes

- CROOK, Robert and **Nancy**
HATFIELD, John and Sally
 56 Spyglass Dr. (303) 707-1594
- JOECKEL, Paul**
KILGORE, Mary
 SCHENKEIN, Robert and **Linda**
 WOLF, Cynthia (303) 794-1665
- ZETTEL, **Marty**

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